Holiday Celebration

CHILDREN AT THE APPOMATTOX Children's Center celebrated Thanksgiving in traditional fashion, when they enjoyed a Harvest Feast, complete with turkey and all the trimmings. "The children have been learning about Pilgrim life and Indians through educational activities such as songs, finger plays, and stories.. They have enjoyed making turkeys, pilgrims, teepees, canoes, and hats to wear at the Harvest Feast," commented Mrs. Patricia Gaines, director of the center.

Legal Aid Office Schedule revised

The Lynchburg Area Office of the Virginia Legal Aid Society, Inc., has announced a new schedule for its Circuit Riding Program. The program was begun during the Fall of 1979 in an effort to reach potential clients who would have had difficulty travelling to the Lynchburg Office.

Under the former schedule an attorney was available to meet with clients in Amherst, Appomattox and Campbell Counties two days per month. Effective December 1, 1981, however an attorney will be available in each of the counties only one day per month. This reduction in service is necessitated by reductions in the amount of federal funds allocated to the Legal Aid Society.

Amherst County residents may come to the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, located at Courthouse Circle, in the town of Amherst on the first Friday of each month between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. An attorney will be available to Appomattox County residents from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday of each month at St. Anne's Episcopal Church on Oakleigh Avenue. On the first Monday of each month Campbell County residents may obtain legal assistance at the Magistrate's Office, Courthouse Square; in Rustburg between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

No appointment is necessary, and residents unable to meet an attorney on the designated days may still apply for assistance at the Lynchburg Area Office, which will have moved to 501 Church Street by the first of the year.

For more information, call 846-1326.

Medicare costs to rise

The amount that Medicare beneficiaries must pay toward their hospital and medical bills will increase on January 1, 1982.

For the first 60 days in each benefit period Medicare hospital insurance (Part A) will pay for all covered services except the first $260. This is called the hospital insurance deductible. It is intended to represent the average cost of one day of inpatient hospital care.

Beneficiaries are also responsible for payment of the co-insurance. The co-insurance for the 61st through 90th day of hospitalization will increase to $65 a day. For the 60 reserve days the cost will be $130 a day.

If a Medicare beneficiary requires skilled care in a nursing home after at least 3 days in a hospital Medicare will pay for all covered services for the first 20 days. The beneficiary will be responsible for $32.50 a day in co-insurance for the 21st through 100th day.

The medical insurance deductible (Part B) will increase from $60 a year to $75 in 1982. Medicare will pay for 80% of all reasonable charges after the deductible has been met.

The 1982 earnings test amounts - the limits on the earnings a person receiving Social Security benefits can have without affecting his or her benefit - and the amount of earnings constituting a quarter of coverage were announced recently. The figures are recomputed each year to reflect increases in general wage levels. They are effective as of January 1.

The earnings limit for people under age 65 increased from $4,080 to $4,440. For people 65 and over, the limit increased by law from $5,500 to $6,000. Earnings over the limit reduce a Social Security benefit $1 for each $2 in excess earnings. The earnings limit does not apply to people 72 and over.

The amount of earnings needed for a quarter of coverage increased from $310 to $340. Work under Social Security is measured in quarters of coverage, with up to a maximum of 4 quarters of coverage alloted for earnings during the year. Earnings of $1,360 during the year will result in 4 quarters of coverage.

Hay Ride

FREDDIE CARTER is shown above with group of young people he was taking on hayride as they celebrated his daughter's birthday recently. Laura Anne Carter was 12 years old.

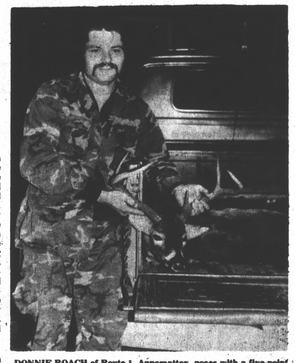
Mt. Comfort open house slated again

Mt. Comfort Plantation will be open again this year for their annual Colonial Christmas open house. The public is invited on Saturday, Dec. 19 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for a tour of this historic home and to see the beautiful Christmas decorations. Included in the tour will be a Christmas tree decorated in the Colonial style with all hand made decorations.

Mt. Comfort Plantation, located just north of the town of Appomattox, was originally built by the Duval family in the late 1700's. The exact date of construction is unknown due to court house records being destroyed by fire, however a land re-survey has been found indicating ownership by the Duvals and dated 1790. Mt. Comfort is believed to have been built by Major William Duval, a prominent Virginia lawyer, an officer in the Revolutionary War, a large land owner and prominent figure in the business and professional affairs of Virginia. Major Duval married Ann Pope in 1772, and from this marriage came two well known sons, William, the first territorial governor of Florida; and John, the first general of the Texas Army. Following Ann's death, Major Duval married Susan Brown Christian. Their 2nd daughter, Susan, married Isaac Adams, a prominent Lynchburg businessman. In 1842 Major Duval died at the Mt. Comfort plantation at the age of 94. His daughter Susan inherited the estate. In 1845 this property was acquired by Dean Johns, a Captain in the Confederate Army during the War Between the States and the man who served as the first Commissioner of Revenue for Appomattox County. After a succession of non-resident owners it was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Hugh M. Weaver in 1971. Mr. Weaver restored the house to its present condition.

Mt. Comfort as it stands today consists of 46 acres of rolling fields, a beautiful country manor white framed house three stories high with full basement. It sets atop a hill with a pictuesque view of the Peaks of Otter and the Blue Ridge Mountains. The house itself has 14 rooms, 8 useable fireplaces and is painted in authentic Colonial Williamsburg colors. Due to the quality of materials and consession much of the original colonial design has been maintained in that the mantels are the original ones; as are the wide heart pine floors, pine panel wainscoating, solid doors, and hand hewn exposed beams. Mt. Comfort is today owned by Richard & Hope Guild. The Guild's are interested in updating and clarifying the history of the house and writing a book about it. They also want to rebuild the original out-buildings and recreate the original colonial homestead atmosphere. Mr. Guild reports that he has a file full of history connected with the house but much more research must still be done.

To reach the house from Appomattox go 3½ miles north on route 26, then turn right on route 711, then go straight through the brick entrance into a long winding driveway. It is easy to find and well worth seeing.



DONNIE ROACH of Route 1, Appomattox, poses with a five-point buck he bagged recently while hunting near the community of Hixburg. Roach said the deer, which weighed close to 200 pounds, was the biggest he has ever bagged. (Photo by Allen Austin)

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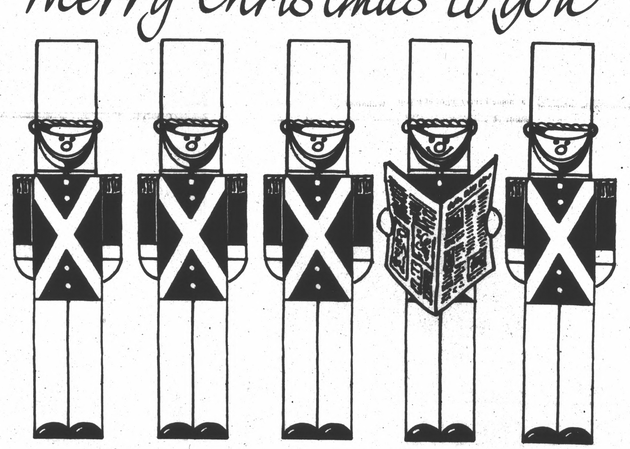
Appomattox canneries to close at end of this week

Canneries located in the County of Appomattox will close at the end of this week. It is anticipated that all appointments will be completed by Thursday, December 17. However, if additional appointments are needed the canneries will operate on Friday, December 18. Appointments may be made for the Appomattox Cannery by calling Mrs. Grace Williams at 248-5794 or 352-2222 and for the Pamplin Cannery by calling Mrs. Phyllis Richardson at 248-5364 or 248-6191.

Merry Christmas to you



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Basketball Action

Varsity Raiders split, stand with 4-1 record

The Raider varsity basketball team suffered the first defeat of its season Friday night, after downing Jefferson Forest 51-41 Tuesday evening.

The Raiders outscored Jefferson Forest in all four quarters Tuesday night, in a game which saw three Raiders score in double figures.

Appomattox movd into an 11-10 lead at the end of the first quarter, scored 14 points to Forest's 13 in the second quarter, and outscored their opponents 14-12 in the third period.

The Raiders scored 12 points to Forest's six in the final period of play to ice the game at 51-41.

Kim Humbles led scorers for the Raiders with 17 points during the game, followed by Ron Carter with 12, Rick Caldwell with 11, Norman Turner with eight, Jeff Miller with two and Bobby Carter with one point.

Leading scorer for Jefferson Forest was Wayne Stewart, with 14 points during the game.

Coach Coty Dickerson said steals by Rick Caldwell and Kim Humbles which led to lay-ups "broke the game open" for the Raiders. The coach also commended Bobby Carter for his play coming off the bench.

The Raiders had a tougher time of it Friday night against Nelson County, in a game which Appomattox lost, 36-43.

"Turnovers and poor shot selection hurt us," said Coach Dickerson after the game. "We had momentary lapses...we got away from the team concept."

The game started off slowly for both teams, with Nelson County mounting a 10-8 lead in the first quarter and stretching that lead to 17-14 as the first half ended.

The Raiders came back in the third period, however, scoring 14 points to Nelson County's eight and assuming a 28-25 lead as that period ended.

In the final period, however, the Raiders got behind and then had to foul Nelson County's players to try to regain possession of the ball. Nelson's players scored on the foul shots and walked away with a 43-36 victory.

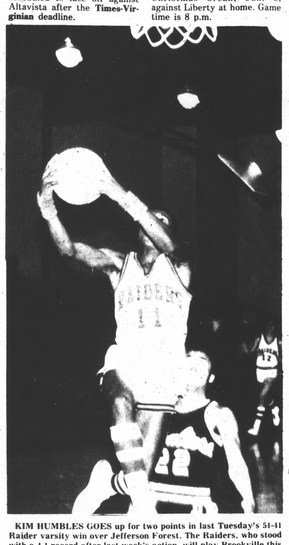
"I think we got a little impatient, and the game sort of got away from us there at the end," Dickerson pointed out.

The coach said his team did have a fair night defensively, holding P. Henderson to six points during the game. Henderson, averaging 23 points per game, had been the leading scorer in the Seminole District.

"We have to just put it all together and bounce back this week, Coach Dickerson said.

The Raiders play Brookville at home Friday night at 8 p.m. This Tuesday the team was scheduled to face off against Altavista after the **Times-Virginian** deadline.

The next game will be after Christmas break, Jan. 8, against Liberty at home. Game time is 8 p.m.



KIM HUMBLES GOES up for two points in last Tuesday's 51-41 Raider varsity win over Jefferson Forest. The Raiders, who stood with a 4-1 record after last week's action, will play Brookville this Friday night at home. Game time is 8 p.m. (Photo by Mike Williams)

Jayvees off to roaring start

The Raider junior varsity basketball team is off to a roaring start this season, posting a 4-1 record in its first two weeks of play.

After losing their first game to Gretna, the Raiders defeated William Campbell 69-48, Amherst 47-42, Jefferson Forest 61-36, and Nelson County 44-38.

"We've been dominating the boards, coming down with the rebounds then getting the ball in play and scoring," says Raider Coach John Pettyjohn.

Pettyjohn says Mike Johnson, Ricky Miller and Todd Scruggs have dominated the rebounding end of the Raiders' games thus far this season.

"We've also had a pretty good running game," the coach adds. He points to the efforts of Louis Preston, Gary Ferguson and Tyrone Abbitt as essential in the success of the jayvees' running game.

In the first five games of the season, the scoring has been "pretty well balanced," according to Pettyjohn. "All five of the starters have hit in double figures in one game or another," the coach points out.

Todd Scruggs has scored in double figures three times, including 12-point performances against Jefferson Forest and William Campbell. Ricky Miller scored 15 points against William Campbell and 12 against Amherst, as well as ten points against Nelson County. Louis Preston scored 10 points against Amherst and 11 points against Jefferson Forest.

"We have also had good success in our game when we've had to slow things down," the coach adds.

Pettyjohn notes that his team exhibits balance, with the work of Ron Kelso, Kinckle Robinson, John Hurt, Steve Hamlett, Tim Austin, and Christ Tolley contributing to the total team effort.

The jayvees were scheduled to face off against Altavista Tuesday, after the **Times-Virginian** deadline. Friday, the jayvee Raiders will play Brookville at home.

Game time is 6 p.m.

Jayvee defensive players recognized

Junior Varsity "Defensive Players of the Week have been chosen for the past four games of the basketball season, according to Raider Jayvee Coach John Pettyjohn.

Pettyjohn said that Tyrone Abbitt has been chosen for his performance against William Campbell; Ricky Miller has been chosen for his performance against Amherst; Louis Preston and Gary Ferguson have been chosen for their performances against Jefferson Forest; and Ricky Miller and Todd Scruggs have been chosen for their defensive performances against Nelson County.

The Jayvee Raiders have won four of their first five games this season, losing only to Gretna.

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Sports

SPECIAL OLYMPIANS FROM APPOMATTOX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (TOP PHOTO) include (front from left) Chico Goode, Sharon Abbitt, Karoy Jones, James Rose, Kent Bailey (back from left) Alberta Wheeler, Donald Jones, and Shelia Jones. Olympians from Appomattox Middle School (bottom photo) include (back, from left) Walter Johnson, Juanita Mosley, Tina Fitch, Patricia Petty, Thelma Wheeler (front, from left) Roger Abbitt, Bobbie Robinson, Jeff Fulton, Sandra Mosley.

Seventeen compete in Special Olympics

Seventeen Appomattox students competed in the Area 12 Basketball Special Olympics held at Lynchburg College Saturday, December 5.

Opening ceremonies included the presentation of a T-shirt to each athlete, an invocation, the pledge of allegiance, the introduction of Olympians, and the recitation of the Special Olympic Oath, "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

During the games, Appomattox students in the Middle and Elementary schools competed with students from Lynchburg and surrounding counties. After the competition, ribbons for first, second and third place were awarded. Chico Goode, Jeff Fulton, Sandra Mosley, Roger Abbitt, and Tina Fitch received first place ribbons. Thelma Wheeler, Alberta Wheeler, Donald Jones, Karoy Jones, Sharon Abbitt and Juanita Mosley received second place ribbons. James Rose, Kent Bailey, Bobbie Robins, Walter Johnson, Patricia Petty and Shelia Jones received third place ribbons.

Following the games, the Olympians were treated to a victory lunch at Pizza Hut.

The Special Olympians would like to thank their chaperones: Nancy Goodman, Denise King, Lauri Harwood and Mrs. Franklin, the bus driver.

The Olympians would also like to extend a sincere thank you to those organizations and individuals whose donations made this trip possible.

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